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SUBJECT: OMAN'S TERRORISM FINANCE COORDINATION OFFICER  
(TFCO)

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The following responses are keyed to paragraph eight of  
reftel:

(a) The Embassy Muscat Terrorism Finance Coordination Officer  
(TFCO) is Alfred F. Fonteneau, Deputy Chief of Mission, ph:  
(968) 24-698-989 x407, email: FonteneauAF@state.gov.

(b) The Deputy TFCO is Brian Grimm, Economic-Commercial  
Officer, ph: (968) 24-698-989 x332, email: GrimmBM@state.gov.

(c) The Embassy suggests that Washington agencies create and  
distribute a monthly newsletter, to be electronically  
distributed and posted on relevant websites, as a means to  
keep TFCOs abreast of the most recent developments in the  
money laundering/terrorist financing field. The format could  
take the shape of Consular Affairs' Fraud Digest. This  
document, which could highlight global best practices, should  
be in a format that the TFCO could share with appropriate  
banking and law enforcement officials. By providing this  
information in real-time, we would be better able to keep our  
Omani colleagues well-informed of events occurring in the  
U.S. As an alternative, Washington agencies could establish  
a website for compliance officers which headline recent  
trends in money laundering. Furthermore, in reaching out to  
contacts on the prevention of terrorist financing, a  
searchable, user-friendly database, accessible on the  
internet, would serve as a helpful reference tool by aiding  
users in researching past actions taken by the sanctions  
committee.  
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